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ARRESTED ABROAD

REF: STATE 147704

1. LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE "PUBLIC DEFENDER" TYPE IS NOT NORMALLY PROVIDED TO PRISONERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO FUND PRIVATE CONSEL. HOWEVER, A GROUP OF LAWYERS HERE VOLUNTEER TO STAFF AN OFFICE WHICH PROVIDES FREE LEGAL ADVICE. A COMMITTEE OF THIS "COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICES" ALSO CHOOSES THOSE CASES MOST DESERVING OF FREE LEGAL AID AND A LAWYER IS CHOSEN WHO WILL PROVIDE FULL LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR FREE. SINCE ALL THESE LAWYERS ALSO SERVE AS PAID, PRIVATE COUNSEL, THE QUALITY OF ASSISTANCE IS THE SAME. TO DATE, NO AMERICAN HAS USED THE SERVICES OF THIS GROUP.

2. THE ONLY CASES IN WHICH A "PUBLIC DEFENDER" LAWYER IS PROVIDED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE STATE ARE PRISONERS CHARGED WITH MURDER AND OTHER CRIMES WHICH CARRY THE DEATH PENALTY.  
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